

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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On Monday, April 6, 2009, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates proposed ending future purchases of the he C-17 Globemaster III Transport Jet, which is manufactured by Boeing at its Long Beach facility.

The C-17 is a key component of our nation’s ability to effectively deploy strategic military assets in critical locations around the world in an efficient manner. It is the last wide-bodied military aircraft in the country and has performed brilliantly in both the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, is crucial to fight terrorism around the globe, and has conducted countless humanitarian missions.

Under the current proposal, the C-17 will not be purchased after 2010, and without additional orders, the C-17 line will close. At a time when the Federal Government is pouring hundreds of billions of dollars into efforts to protect jobs and shore-up the economy, it is counterproductive to cut a program that employs 5,000 people at the C-17 plant in Long Beach and another 30,000 people at supplier facilities across the nation.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Oppose the decision by the Secretary of Defense to end future purchases of the C-17 Globemaster III; and
2. Support the continuation of the C-17 program and direct the County's advocates in Washington, D.C. to urge the United States Congress to authorize and appropriate funding to continue the C-17 program.

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